

INTERESTING DISCUSSION OF POLITICS

Leading Senators Wax Eloquent in Showing Up Defects and Values of Administrations.

Statement By Lodge Favoring Harrison's Against That of Cleveland the Basis.

IS ANSWERED BY GORMAN

Maryland Senator Followed By Bailey Who Elaborates on Showing Made During Cleveland's Term.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The senate chamber was again today the arena of an interesting political debate with a provision in the urgent deficiency bill for a loan of \$4,500,000 for the St. Louis exposition as the basis for discussion.

The controversy was precipitated by Lodge, who quoted many official figures to demonstrate that republican policies had not been a failure in the United States.

Foraker also spoke, devoting himself largely to a comparison of conditions under the Harrison administration and those under the administration of Mr. Cleveland to the advantage of the former.

On the democratic side Gorman and Bailey were the orators. Gorman explained his attitude toward the army and navy, and charged that at the close of the Harrison administration the treasury of the United States was in a very bad way.

Bailey followed up this charge with an elaborate presentation of statistics, and contended that the export trade under Cleveland was greater than under Harrison. The exposition amendment had not been disposed of when the senate adjourned.

House Lauds Annimation.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The annimation of yesterday was completely lacking in the proceedings of the house today. The principal feature of the day was the rivalry between republican leaders for the honor of moving adjournment. The diplomatic and consular ap-

propriation bill, carrying \$1,995,000, was disposed of.

Several bills were passed by unanimous consent. On Grosvenor's motion the house adjourned.

Resolution Regarding Beef Prices.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Representative Martin, of South Dakota, introduced a resolution requesting the secretary of commerce and labor to investigate the causes of the low prices of beef cattle since July 1, 1902, and the unusually large margins between prices of beef cattle and the selling price of fresh beef, and whether these conditions have resulted from trust combination.

ILLCIT DEALERS ROUNDED UP.

Wholesale Arrests in Kansas City For Fire Bugs Busy.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 4.—Wholesale indictments by the federal grand jury of express agents in Kansas City throughout Kansas and in the prohibition counties of Texas, and of liquor dealers who have been shipping liquor into these prohibition states, are imminent, the result of a movement started by John W. Yerkes, commissioner of internal revenue at Washington.

The local agents of three large wholesale liquor houses, it was announced today, were indicted yesterday and arrested, but released on their own recognizance, and additional bills, it is said, will be found against the agents of every express company in Kansas City, in the state of Kansas and in the prohibition counties of Texas who have acted as agents for the liquor houses in selling whisky, as fast as the evidence against them can be presented.

For years practically every express company in this part of the southwest has acted as the agent for the liquor companies who have sold liquor in Kansas and Texas, the express agents of the different companies acting nominally as agents at the various points, thus practically nullifying the prohibition law. To avoid the law, the whisky was sent in sealed packages, addressed to fictitious names, and sold by agents for "express charges."

Millions of cases of whisky have been sent into Kansas yearly and for each case disposed of the agents were allowed 50 cents. This naturally has proven not only a violation of the prohibition laws of the states named, but has deprived the federal government of an immense amount of revenue. It is stated today that the federal government has sent dozens of agents into Kansas and parts of Texas, to gain evidence upon which to convict the offenders.

The three Kansas City liquor dealers were indicted by a federal grand jury sitting at Wichita, Kan., and the indictments sent to the United States district attorney here for service.

REPLY OF RUSSIA TO LAST NOTE OF JAPAN IN HANDS OF VICEROY

If Contents Meet With His Approval Document Will Be Forwarded at Once to Tokio Government.

Crisis is Reached in Eastern Affairs, Belief Being General That Vexed Question Will Be Settled Today Either By Declaration of War or Final Settlement By Peaceful Measures—Russia Will Not Begin Hostilities.

Port Arthur, Feb. 4.—The Russian fleet returned here this afternoon.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 4.—The Russian response to the latest Japanese note was sent to Tokio tonight.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 4.—The Russian reply to Japan was forwarded to Viceroy Alexieff. If he approves it, it will finally reach the Tokio government on Monday.

The Feeling in Washington.

Washington, Feb. 4.—"War or peace will come with tomorrow."

This is the general opinion in the diplomatic corps. Both at the Russian embassy and Japanese legation the situation in the far east is described as grave.

It is stated at the Russian embassy that the St. Petersburg government made a determined and earnest effort for peace, even going so far as to offer magnanimous concessions in Corea. The question of Manchuria, Russia is unwilling to discuss, taking the ground that this is a subject for negotiations

between St. Petersburg and Peking, and not between St. Petersburg and Tokio.

London, Feb. 5.—The news that Russia has already dispatched her reply to Japan, has not yet reached the English newspapers. The most pessimistic views are taken of the situation. Reports are current that a rupture is imminent, but nothing of an official character is obtainable, the optimist views today being based solely on reports of yesterday of the sailing of the Russian fleet from Port Arthur.

The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Chefoo says the Russian fleet comprising all the battleships except the Sebastopol and six cruisers and two destroyers are cruising along the coast of the peninsula.

A telegram received from Copenhagen declares that 18 foreign steamers have been chartered by Russia to convey war material from Odessa and Libau to the far east.

The Japanese legation official admits the legation has received official confirmation of the reports of greatly increased Russian naval and military activity in Manchuria.

UNITED STATES IS ATTACKED

St. Petersburg Editor Believes America is Russia's Real Foe.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 4.—The feeling in higher circles continues to be that Russia has offered substantial concessions, but that she cannot meet Japan's wishes regarding Manchuria or agree to Japanese fortifications in southern Corea. It is estimated in certain official quarters that if Japan should offer counter proposals, and that if Russia would guarantee the Chinese-Manchurian treaties irrespective of the ultimate sovereignty of the province, there might be some chance of reaching a compromise. It is argued that this settlement would safeguard the existing commercial interests of all powers in Manchuria, and it is contended that if Japan demanded more in her last report, this would betray to the world her ulterior ambitions in the continent of Asia, which would be inimical to the interest not only of Russia, but of the very powers which now sym-

pathize with Japan. One thing is certain, Russia will not declare war, nor will she initiate a hostile action if negotiations break down.

The Novoe Vremya today published a long editorial article on its Port Arthur correspondence of yesterday. The views of this correspondent may appear fantastic, the paper says, but nevertheless America is the real foe screened behind Japan. The British, the paper continues, have assumed the act of betraying Europe by truckling to the United States.

"When Great Britain has quite gone over to the United States, the rest of Europe will realize the urgency of united action against America."

It is understood that 601,000 Russian soldiers are on their way under orders for the far east. The war office and the admiralty minimize the significance of Russia's preparations in the far east.

FOR DIRECT VOTE OF PEOPLE.

Petitions to Invoke Initiative Amendment Are Filed.

Salem, Feb. 4.—(Special.)—Petitions containing signatures of 8538 voters were filed with the secretary of state today to invoke the initiative amendment to the constitution upon the direct nomination bill for the coming general election in June. Petitions carrying 5115 names were also filed today for the submission of the local option liquor law to a vote of the people at the same election. The required number of signatures is 7015.

Fire Bug Busy.

Dayton, Wash., Feb. 4.—Firebugs are running rampant in this city, and citizens are alarmed. Sons of prominent men of this city are said to be under suspicion. Last Saturday night Samuel Boldman's barn had its roof burned off, badly damaging several tons of hay. The fire was supposed to be of incendiary origin, it being believed that kerosene had been thrown on the roof.

Within half an hour of the same time, another fire broke out in John Stott's barn; but it was discovered by

passers-by and extinguished before it did any damage.

On Monday night a small pile of sticks saturated with kerosene was found near the barn of William Robinson.

The matter has caused quite a sensation here.

Still Much War Talk

Colon, Feb. 4.—The steamer Trent arrived here today, bringing reports of great excitement over the presidential election. It is understood that General Reyes will carry the department of Bolivar, but it is believed generally that Joaquin Velez is elected. There is still much war talk, and it is asserted Colombia will attack Panama soon.

Terminal For Telephone Line.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 4.—The Interstate Telephone Company, which was organized in this city about a year ago, and which has now about 150 miles of line in northern Idaho, has asked the city council for a franchise to enter the city with the idea of making this a terminal. The company will not put in a city system, its business being confined, for the present at least, to northern Idaho, but as Spokane is the natural outlet for the entire territory, it has found it desirable to have a ter-

minal line running to this city. At present the system reaches the towns of Rathdrum, Sand Point, Harrison and St. Maries and it is being extended as rapidly as possible to every point where there is business in the panhandle of Idaho. The company has its headquarters in Spokane, where its main office will be located permanently.

Crib District Closed.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 4.—The notorious crib district in this city, which has been an eyesore to every respectable person for many years, is a thing of the past, all through a systematic prosecution of the owners of the property occupied for cribs. There have been five convictions, and in each case the defendant was fined the limit allowed by the ordinance under which the conviction was secured, \$50 and costs, and all have appealed to the supreme court.

The result desired, however, has been attained. Every crib was empty last night except five or six, occupied by Jap women, and these will be gone by tomorrow. While a good many of the women have left the city, several are scattered in rooms in the blocks, and the new danger of their mixing with decent classes is now seen. How well this is controlled is dependent entirely on the efficiency of the officers, and the vigilance of the ministerial committee, which has taken charge of the matter.

Court House Burns.

Prineville, Ore., Feb. 4.—The court house was damaged to the extent of several thousand dollars by fire tonight. Origin is unknown. It is believed the county records are safe within the vaults.

Britt May Call Off Fight.

San Francisco, Feb. 4.—Owing to the fact that Young Corbett signed to fight Dave Sullivan in this city February 25, Jimmy Britt, with whom he is matched for March 15, has ceased training and there is some prospect of the match being called off by the Californian, who considers it a breach of contract for Corbett to fight another man before they meet for the championship.

Supervisor is Suspended.

Washington, Feb. 4.—M. P. Isenburg, superintendent of the north half of the Cascade forest reserve, has been suspended for alleged unbecoming conduct.

Editor of Puck Dead.

New York, Feb. 4.—Adolph Schwarzmann, one of the founders and editor-in-chief of Puck, died today of pneumonia. With Joseph Keppler he founded Puck in 1874.

War Talk The Cause.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—All cereals made new high record marks today. Active buying on the apparent certainty of war was the cause. Owing to the critical state of affairs in the far east, wheat trades keyed up to a high pitch at the opening. Shorts were so energetic in their efforts to cover, and the pit was so bare of offerings that before the initial demand was satisfied the price of May was bid up 5-8, sales being made 94 1/2 to 95 1/2; July went from 85 to 85 1/2.

American Flag Lowered.

Hayana, Feb. 4.—The last vestige of American occupation of Cuba disappeared this afternoon when the American flag was lowered from the Cabanas barracks and the last battalion of American soldiers marched to the Tricacornia pier and boarded the United States transport Sumner, which will sail tomorrow for Florida.

FREEDOM IS POSITIVELY NOW KNOWN

Mrs. Maybrick Is in Distant Part of England Under Care of Members of a Religious Sisterhood.

Associated Press Is in Position to Make Such Statement With Authority.

SHE IS NOT FULLY LIBERATED

Punishment Will Continue Until Next July When American Woman Will Be Free to Come and Go.

London, Feb. 4.—The Associated Press can announce with authority that Mrs. Florence Maybrick is now in a home in a distant part of England and under the care of members of a religious sisterhood. She has not been released, and is kept under surveillance, but to all intents and purposes her life now, compared to her existence in Aylesbury prison, is that of a free woman. She will remain where she is until next July, when her punishment will be ended under special license and she will be allowed to go free, subject to the usual conditions governing a ticket-of-leave to convicts.

Civic Chaos in Rossland.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 4.—There is civic chaos in Rossland, the mining capital of Kootenay. At a session of the city council, which lasted into the early hours of this morning, what is called the reform element obtained control. Having a majority of one in the council it discharged the city clerk, engineer, sanitary inspector, solicitor and office clerk without cause.

Alderman Rolt, a minority member, resigned today and will run again to elicit a pronouncement from the taxpayers. He challenges the majority members to follow suit.

Mayor Clute has refused to sign the city checks on the ground that the majority members have not arranged for accommodation at banks, and their action respecting the officials may interfere with financial negotiations.

Case of Mistaken Identity.

Paris, Feb. 4.—Inquiry concerning the detention of Mr. Hurt and Mr. Ireland, two Americans, at Nice, has brought out the following facts:

On January 26 the police of Nice arrested Mr. Hurt, considering him to be a man named Hurst, who was wanted by the Paris police. Mr. Ireland, on hearing of this, went to explain and identify Mr. Hurt, when the former was also held as an accomplice. The United States consular office demanded proofs of his identity. The authorities replied that two days would be required for this. The investigation resulted in showing that a mistake had been made in taking Mr. Hurt for the man named Hurst.

The case is following the usual course of French procedure and another examination of the prisoners occurs today. The consular lawyer will look after the interests of the accused. It appears to be a case of mistaken identity.

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